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## **OTHER DOCUMENTS**

C4 Sharma, R.V. *et al.*, "Studies On The Metabolism Of β-Carotene and Apo-β-Carotenoids In Rats and Chickens," <u>Biochimica et Biophysica Acta</u>, Vol. 486, pp. 183-194 (1977).

This document was cited in a Communication dated November 4, 2002 (copy enclosed) which issued in a foreign counterpart application.

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